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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Attorney Docket No. Castro 1

In Application of: Peter R. Castro

Serial No.: 09/311,369

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Matter No.: 990.0189

Group No.: 2662

Examiner: Thai D. Hoang

Phone No.: 703-305-3232

For: Fault Protection for Hitless and Errorless Switching of Telecommunications Signals

**TRANSMITTAL OF NEW DRAWING(S) TO CORRECT  
INFORMALITIES WITHIN THREE-MONTH PERIOD OF  
RESPONSE SET IN NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY (PTOL-37)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed on 08/16/04, the applicant herewith submits 5 new sheets of drawings to correct the informalities in the drawings as noted in the Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review (PTO Form 948).

Respectfully submitted,

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed on 08/16/04 contains an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Although the Statement purports to refer to the subject matter of all three independent claims (i.e., method claim 1, switch claim 11, and switch claim 12), in reality, the Statement quotes language from only method claim 1. To that extent, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

Moreover, the Statement cites only a portion of the claim language from method claim 1. The Applicant submits that method claim 1 recites additional language. To that extent, the Applicant also objects to the Statement.

In general, to the extent that the Statement differs from the language of any of the independent claims, the Applicant rejects any narrowing or limitations that might possibly result from such differences.

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For each of these reasons individually and for all these reasons collectively, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

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